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November 17, 2012

Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128).

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I've been incarcerated for nearly 20 continuous years, and I can tell you that the high cost of prison phone calls has negatively affected my rehabilitation. It costs between \$4 and \$6 for a 30-minute call within the state of Tennessee. This is too expensive for frequent calling, and I rarely get to talk to my family. I've lost contact with all my high school and childhood friends entirely.

I may be released from prison in about 10 years. My family relationships have suffered, and I'll have few people within my support network to help me succeed.

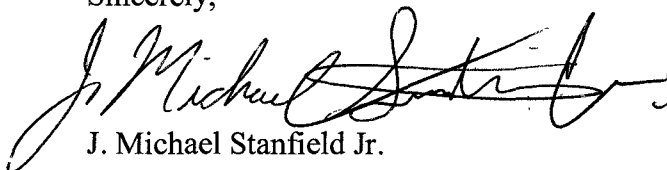
The state contracts for prison phone service with just one (1) company at a time. If more than one company could provide service at once – as occurs in the free-world market – then inmates and their loved ones could choose the best rates and calling plan for their needs.

The current system robs inmates and their families of the most essential benefit of a capitalist system: competition.

Furthermore, the high rates of prison phone calls have exacerbated the problem of contraband cell phones within prisons. Officials often claim that inmates use phones to conduct illegal activities or harass victims; while these things of course occur, the primary reason there are so many cell phones in prisons is the high cost of using authorized prison phone systems.

Exorbitant prison phone rates threaten prison security, hinder rehabilitation and may therefore be a threat to the general public.

Sincerely,



J. Michael Stanfield Jr.

Mr. LeRoy Stotts D-48223
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Mr. Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Note: This is a public complaint for the Wright Petition
(Docket Number 96-128)

Dear Sir:

Instant **complaint** regards the **outrageously** high rate for telephone calls my family friends, and **legal calls** are encumbered with. Presently, we have **two** telephone companies to deal with in order to speak with the above parties---the regular telephone company that accepts calls from prison, then 'we' have to deal with another company, Global Tel Link, in order for the above mentioned parties to speak with me. Global Tel Link does not send a bill for what one **owes** them, they simply place a block on the phone without one's knowledge. Then once the charge is paid it can take days or weeks for the block to be removed and this **extortion** cycle continues unabated. as a result of this **scam** callers spend hundreds of dollars to speak with me along with constant interruptions informing callers who already know the call is to or from a prison inmate!

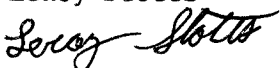
I had no idea a phone company can pick and choose who I speak with or how long I can speak, 15 minutes, and it takes 3-5 minutes to be connected! This system is nothing less than embezzlement at its hiatus compounded by constant interruptions!

My questions are: What legal authority allows this fraudulent policy. Would Congress and/or the FCC allow compliance with this subterfuge? I or callers receive no bill or notification regarding this 'operation!' Why?

I, and numerous witnesses demand answers to this complaint!

Sincerely,

LeRoy Stotts



cc: E. Winterbottom, Esq. (Criminal Specialist)

CALL RATES:

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LOCAL .58 PER MINUTE

15 MINUTE CALL \$1.45

LONG DISTANCE .84

INTERSTATE \$3.42

15 MINUTE CALL \$ 2.03 (LONG DISTANCE)

INTERSTATE 15 MINUTE CALL \$ 6.65

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Global Tel Link 1-888-415-0377

On Nov. 26, 2012 Global Tel Link wants to establish an advance pay account with a \$5.00 minimum in order to avoid the constant interruptions and avoid phone blocks. But, when money temporarily is delayed phone blocks will be resumed until account money is received!

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Keith Connors
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Frackville, PA 17932

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

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(CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing you this letter to inform you of the very negative impact that the very high costs of prison phone calls have had on myself and my family. I am in hopes that you will take action regarding this very serious issue.

My wife and family struggle to make ends meet outside of prison so they very rarely have any money to place on a phone account so I can call them.

I also have children living with their mother,

whom I am not together with anymore, and in order for me to call them I would have to buy a calling card from commissary which I am unable to do due to making only twenty-six dollars per month working in the kitchen.

My wife comes to the prison every week to visit me so we are able to somewhat maintain our relationship but, my family and children on the other hand, those relationships are suffering, deteriorating with each day that passes.

As an offender that will eventually be paroled, I am encouraged by the Department of Corrections to maintain healthy family relationships which will help me to reintegrate successfully back into society. How am I able to do that when they cannot come to visit and I am unable to call them? One letter every other week just doesn't do it, it's not enough.

It costs over five dollars for a fifteen minute phone call, my family can't afford it and I most certainly can't afford it.

My children, my family and myself do not have the very close bond that we once had, before I wound up coming to prison. It is safe to say that not only am I being punished for

making a very poor decision as my family and children are being punished as well.

Individuals out in society who have never had a loved one incarcerated do not understand what a positive impact a simple fifteen minute phone call has on an incarcerated person's family and children. But when someones loved one winds up incarcerated, it is only then that those same people very much appreciate that simple phone call from their loved one in prison.

When I sit out in the dayroom and look over at the phones I imagine myself on one of them speaking to my children reassuring them that daddy is fine and that I'll be home soon. But neither my children, my family or myself are afforded that type of communication due to the very high costs of phone calls.

Mr. Grenachowski, I pray that you are able to find it in your heart to have some empathy towards not only the prisoner but especially for the prisoner's family, friends and loved ones. Being able to maintain healthy relationships while incarcerated is a huge key to a successful reentry for a prisoner. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,
Keith Connors

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MR. JULIUS GENACHOWSKI CHAIRMAN,
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
445 12TH STREET SW
WASHINGTON, DC 20554

RE: INSTITUTION PHONE COMPLAINT:

NOVEMBER 2012

MR. GENACHOWSKI,

I AM WRITING THIS LETTER AS AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT REGARDING THE HIGH PHONE COST RATES THAT MY FAMILY AND I MUST PAY TO COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER. I AM CONFINED IN THE WESTERN CORRECTION INSTITUTION IN CUMBERLAND, MARYLAND. I HAVE BEEN CONFINED IN MARYLAND SINCE 1971, SOME 41 YEARS NOW, AND I STRONGLY BELIEVE THAT ITS BECAUSE OF KICK-BACKS PAID TO THE INSTITUTION THAT ARE CAUSING THE HIGH PHONE RATES. THE PERCENTAGE RATE OF KICK BACKS FROM THE PHONE COMPANY TO MARYLAND PRISONS ARE 48-60. THE TAX PAYERS OF THIS STATE PAY TAXES THAT INCLUDE THOSE COSTS NEEDED BY THE DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS FOR THEIR OPERATION COST, YET THERE SEEMS TO BE WHAT ONE CAN CALLED A TAX PUT ON CITIZENS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND WITH LOVE ONE IN THE PRISON SYSTEM IN GENERAL, AND MY FAMILY SPECIFICALLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO SEND ME LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY TO PUT ON MY PHONE ACCOUNT IN ORDER FOR ME TO CALL THEM. AS I UNDERSTAND FROM ARTICLES FROM THE PRISON LEGAL NEWS MAGAZINE PUBLICATION, THIS MONEY IS USED TO BUY OFFICERS EQUIPMENT.

IN MY CASE A COLLECT CALL FOR THOSE PHONE NUMBERS THAT ARE ACCEPTED TO BE ON MY CALLING LIST, IF CALLED COLLECT WILL COST TWO DOLLARS AND EIGHTY FIVE CENT FOR THE FIRST MINUTE AND THIRTY CENT A MINUTE FOR EVERY MINUTE THERE AFTER. FOR A ONE HALF HOUR CALL IT COST ABOUT ELEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY FIVE CENT (\$11.55). IF THE SAME CALL IS MADE PRE-PAID IT WOULD COST NINE DOLLARS (\$9.00)

WHEN MY FAMILY MEMBERS GO OUT AND PAY FOR A LOCAL PHONE NUMBER TO THEIR CELL OR HOME PHONE THAT WOULD ALLOW ME TO CALL THEM FOR FIFTY CENT A CALL, THE BILLING COMPANY, SECURUS BLOCKS THE NUMBER. IF THESE CALLS ARE MADE PRE-PAID THEY WILL COST THIRTY CENT A MINUTE FOR EACH MINUTE.

THERE ARE CASES IN WHICH I HAVE MADE A CALL AND THE SYSTEM CHARGED ME FOR THE CALL AND THERE IS NO ONE ON THE LINE. THE SYSTEM ACCEPTS THE CALL WITH OUT ANY ONE AT THE NUMBER CALLED PRESSING THE NUMBER REQUIRED TO ACCEPT THE CALL. FOR THIS THERE IS NO REFUND. I WOULD CALL THE NUMBER BACK AND EXPLAIN TO MY FAMILY MEMBERS WHAT JUST TOOK PLACE AND THEY WOULD SAY, NO CALL WAS MADE HERE. THERE CAN BE NO MISTAKE ABOUT THE NUMBER CALLED BECAUSE IF THE NUMBER DIALED IS NOT ON YOUR LIST, THE SYSTEM WILL STOP BEFORE THE CALL IS PLACED AND LET YOU KNOW THAT THE NUMBER DIALED IS NOT ON YOUR LIST. SOMETHING IS WRONG WITH THE SYSTEM BECAUSE IT IN FACT REGISTERS THE CALL AS BEING ACCEPTED.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME IN THIS MATTER.

Robert Watson

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Date: Oct. 30, 2012

To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: This is a public comment for the
Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I am a prisoner in Illinois whose family is being blatantly extorted by that fact. I am writing to you to request that you sincerely investigate and rule on the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128).

The plethora of fees to open and maintain a telephone account with Consolidated, and the extortionate rates charged for connection and per minute mean that I can't talk to my 13- and 14-year-old daughters on the phone, and that, out of dozens of my family members, I am

only able to talk to my mother and father, and only once a month, as they are both on fixed incomes.

Furthermore, in order to do so they must accept the fact that, once again, they are being monetarily punished for the fact that I am a prisoner in Illinois. The predatory nature of these contracts is well-documented.

Thus far though, this Commission has unfortunately seemed more intent on protecting the profit margins of the predators (telephone service providers and correctional agencies) than the victims (the family members of the prisoners). Why else have you refused to rule on the Wright Petition for so long? It is inexcusable. Please regulate this industry without delay, and stop these companies and government agencies from punishing our innocent family members.

Myself and my family will be monitoring this issue closely. If no action is taken

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we will proceed to plan B which would include actively lobbying for a change of leadership at the FCC.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Dole

From: Joseph Dole K84446
Stateville Correctional Center
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Joliet, IL 60434

From: Mrs. Latanya Clarke
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Henrico, VA 23231

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To: Chairman Julius Genachowski
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INRE: Brother Bernardo Coles #AS2079

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition CC Docket
#96-128

My brother is incarcerated in the state of Pennsylvania at
SCI-Greene. I am unable to speak with him as often as I would
like nor am I able to visit because of the distance between the
two States VA & PA.

I do Love my brother very much. For a 15 minute phone call
it cost around/about \$9.69. On several occasion the phone has
hung up on us for know apparent reason but only to say "3 way
call alert," I do not have that service on my phone because of it
being too expensive during that time.

If there is something that could be done about this
situation I would greatly appreciate your assistance because I do
look forward to speaking with my brother. Thank You!

Respectfully,

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November 20, 2012

Chairman Julius Gerachowski
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
PUBLIC COMMENTS
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

RE: HIGH COST OF PRISON PHONE CALLS.


Dear Chairman Gerachowski:

I am one of many prisoner's in Pennsylvania who's families are being over charged for phone calls by the phone companies who over charge us.

It has gotten to the point where I have to only call home once a month because the cost is to high for my family. There are some families where they can't afford the high cost of my phone calls where I have to pay for a phone card to call them. I feel like my family is being punished for loving me enough to stay in contact with me, and that is just wrong.

I just hope my comments about the high cost of prisoner's phone calls will be addressed in the public comments for the write petition. (cc Docket # 96-128). Thank you.

Sincerely,


Tony Harper, .AF6000
SCI Laurel HighLands
5706 Glades Pike
P.O.BOX 631
Somerset, PA 15501-0631

cc:ahl.

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3:10 pm

To: Chairman Julius Mnackowski

My name is Sharon Edwards. My husband Warren Edwards is currently an inmate at The State Correctional Institution at Dallas. I am writing you for all who have people incarcerated.

This letter is to speak up about the impact cost of prison phone calls. I feel as though you are breaking the law (yourself) by sticking me up without a gun with these prices. They are ridiculous!

I spend over \$200.00 on the phone in one day, & get about 240 minutes phone time. And a lot of times, phone calls drop, We Lose Money! But you already know that, because the phone operator pays it before they put the call through. You're ripping US OFF!

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(CC DOCKET # 96-128)

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Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554 .

Dear Sir ,

My name is Wesley Urch and I am a Inmate of the SCI-Forest Correction Prison of Pennsylvania , and SCI-Forest Prison is in the (814) Area-Code and my family lives in Erie, PA in the (814) Area-Code which is only a short distance from SCI-Forest by vehicle , it is about a 1 hour and 45 minute drive away .

I do not understand why I pay over a \$5.00 cost to call only 1 hour and 45 minutes away from home which is in the same Area-code for only a 15 minute phone call .

I do hope that Chairman Julius Genachowski can get the cost of these phone calls down to a reasonable cost since I do only make pennies in my prison job inside the prison and can not afford to even call home once in a great while now as it is .

Thank you for listening to me and I pray that GOD finds you and your family in his good graces !

Date: November 19th, 2012 .

Very Truly Yours
BY Wesley Urch, Jr. ,
Wesley Urch, Jr.
BS-8748
DA/1005
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1 Woodland Drive,
Marienville, PA 16239 .

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Charles Smith

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SCI Greene
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

**THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
CC DOCKET #96-128**

Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to you in response to your fight to lower the high cost of phone calls from prisoners to their friends and families.

I am incarcerated at SCI Greene in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania and for me to call home (in state), the cost is \$5.41 using the Global Tel Link pre paid calling card system sold through the institution commissary. A collect call to that same number (in state) is just over \$6.00 (both for fifteen minute phone calls. A person who makes the same call out of state must pay a rate of \$8.00 to \$10.00 using the pre paid calling system, \$10.24 for a collect call. This is simply too much money for the majority of my family members, my support network, to afford, especially in this present economy. As it stands, I have very limited contact with my family and loved ones due to the excessive costs of these phone calls.

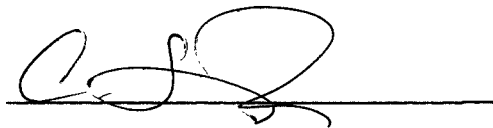
Recently, Pennsylvania transferred more than 1000 inmates to Michigan due to prison overcrowding. While there, they were allowed to make phone calls using the exact same system that Pennsylvania does (Global Tel Link). The calls from MI to anywhere in the United States were only \$1.80 for a fifteen minute phone call using the

same prepaid calling card system presently in use. Collect rates were only \$1.94 for the same amount of time. These are the same calls I have tried to make within Pennsylvania but I cannot afford them. In Michigan, these same calls were 70% cheaper and I do not understand how rates from Michigan to anywhere else in the United States are 30% of the cost of a call we pay in Pennsylvania for in state calls.

There are too many people that I am unable ~~to~~ call due to the fact that they cannot afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I will need to have a successful reentry back into society upon my release. However, I am losing my relationships with them due to lack of interaction and contact. And we should not be punished by GTL due to the fact that our friends and family members carry Vorizon as a carrier. We still deserve to keep in contact with our loved ones.

I hope that there is something that can be done about this, because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and the D.O.C. (Department of Corrections) do is take advantage of our dire situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a series of loops and a horizontal line at the end, positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

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DERRICK HAYWARD

BI6124

SCI Greene
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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Sincerely,

Derick Hayward

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Sincerely,

Thomas Pinckney DEC 15 1

William Jensen 877996
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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
Public Comments
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for CC Docket #96-128 (the Wright Petition).

I am an inmate confined at the Monroe Correctional Complex, a Washington State Department of Corrections ("WADOC") prison. WADOC contracts with Value Added Communications (VAC) [website: www.vaci.com and BP: 1-800-786-8521]. All out-of-state telephone calls from WADOC inmate phones cost a \$3.50 connection fee and \$.50¢ per minute plus applicable taxes. An out-of-state 20 minute call costs \$13.50 + taxes. Local in-state calls cost \$3.50 each + taxes. (All calls are limited to a maximum of 20 minutes). Apparently because of the problems many telephone service providers have had in collecting the high costs of inmate collect calls to friends and family members, VAC requires **prepaid accounts** just so inmates can make phone calls. In addition, the costs of communicating with my family, friends and attorneys actually costs much more due to numerous poor quality telephone connections and dropped or disconnected calls I've experienced of which VAC does **not** reimburse for any reason. Notably, VAC does **not** provide any call or billing records whatsoever showing any details how the funds in the prepaid accounts are spent. This not only makes disputing and verifying errors VAC makes, but appears to violate state **and federal** laws. Also, VAC takes a fee of about \$5.00 each time an inmate's **prepaid account** is funded with \$25 to \$100.

I find the in- and out-of-state telephone costs so burdensome on family members and myself that it has caused me to forgo previously healthy, loving and precious family relationships. The financial costs to keep in touch by phone is simply too high. These costs are unnecessary in this day and age of low cost telephone services. Indeed, they are driven by greed and punitive activity imposed by prison officials.

Although the high cost of inmate telephone calls decreased in recent years by Washington State passing legislation (see Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9.73), the above result needs further substantial reduction. Only then will it be affordable and practical for inmates to keep important family ties intact and meaningful for a more successful transition opportunity back to society. It is clear more action is needed to reduce the financial burden of telephone communications between inmates and their family members, friends and attorneys.

Thank you for this opportunity for public comment.

Sincerely,


William Jensen

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Timothy Mark Dodge
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Dallas, Pa. 18612

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Dear. Julius Genachowski,

"THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC Docket #96-128)."

I am a 54 year old diabetic prisoner in the above state prison, I am imprisoned on non-violent crimes (RSP), I am from only 63 miles away moved here 3½ years ago as a promotional transfir I am in the same area code as I call but calls cost me apx\$5.00 for a 15 min call collect to my family all in there 70s and living on a set income, they have long distince, but the prison makes us use a company known to us as the "WE ROB INMATE & FAMILY PHONE SERVICE",

With the high cost of gas and the phone costs my family are a step away from can food meals.

The prison has set its prison tax kick backs on every thing even the .42¢ postage letter costs us .52¢ to mail a letter its a rackit.

I ask that this be stoiped and equeal protection apply to me also the same as a US american, "THIS IS STILL USA". I think? the prisons should not beable to profit fron anypersons hard ship just as the law goes a prisoner can not write a book and profit fron it, .

Respectfully;



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Can you take it in consideration that our people are already taken away from us, & give them fair phone time.

Lower the prices & give us a deal for our money. It would be deeply appreciated. If you're open for suggestions, feel free to respond back.

Thank You
For your time
& your ear

Sharon Edwards
Sharon Edwards

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Cell : 267-776-1876

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KAREN Smith

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SCI DALLAS

1000 FOLLIES RD

DALLAS, TX 75212

CHAIRMAN Julius Genachowski
FEDERAL Communications Commission
Public Comments
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WASHINGTON, DC 20554

RE: WRIGHT Petition CC Docket #
96-128

DEAR, CHAIRMAN Genachowski:

PLEASE Help Lower THE COST FOR PHONE TIME HERE AT
SCI DALLAS, TX. A PHONE CALL COST \$5.60 FOR ONE CALL
MY JOB PAYS ONLY \$.25 A HOUR FOR SIX HOURS. I HAVE
TO WORK FOUR DAYS JUST TO CALL HOME FOR 15 mins..

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PLEASE Help!
Karen Smith
KAREN Smith

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Frederick Jefferson #EV-6182
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, Pa. 16654-1112

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

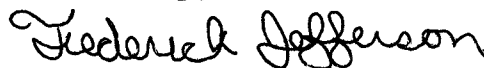
I am writing this concerning about the high cost of the
Department of Corrections are charging our families.

As for me my mother is elderly and she can't afford me
to call collect due to she on a fix income. And she can't write
me because she having problems with her eyes. The phone is very
important to me and my mother this is the only way we can
communicate with each other. And my daughter that lives in Texas
it is really to much for me to call for 15 minutes for \$10.00.

And the prison wages I make I still can't call because
the Department of Corrections take 20 percent of my money for
court cost of my prison wages and and when I get a J-Pay from
home.

I very much appreciate if you could please help us out.
Please get back with me on this matter.
Thank You

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frederick Jefferson".

Frederick Jefferson

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To: Chairman Julius Genachowski : From: Ricardo Morales EG-5159
 Federal Communication Commission : S.C.I. Laurel Highlands
 Public Comments : 5706 Glades Pike, P.O. Box 631
 445 12th Street, SW : Somerset, Pa. 15501-0631
 Washington, DC. 20554 :
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INRE: Public Comment for the the Wright Petition

CC Docket # 96-128

November 20th 2012

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I'm writing in regards of an article that has been circulated on a November 2012 Graterfriends Publication in reference of the high cost of prison phone calls & the impact it leaves families. On the article it states "all who feels the cost effects of these overwhelming phone prices' are encouraged writing the Chairman of the FCC to bring light to the dis-proportionate expense of these Illegal phone companie's tactics--whom are beyond asking for a fair rate-pricing on calls.

I am an Inmate incarcerated since 9/6/99 and have been using the only provided telephone Service Carrier offered which has not been a pleasure to do business with' let alone the stress it has brought to our family. The phone carrier and its prices have changed once' but' the stress of paying enormous amounts of monies is still an issue. Phones are used for many reasons... but in this instance the phones are supposedly for keeping family ties together' which obviously has been the farthest from the truth.

I (and my family) bring this matter before you and hopefully It'll bring light to the tension & stress we go through just to keep our family ties together, for paying \$5.00 (for 15 minutes) of local calls & \$10.00 for long distance are not the norms' not to mention the periodical recordings that come on every 5 minutes that take up precious time-block on top of the fee. It seems that everything is constantly being justified in the name of security (especially inmate phones for the D.O.C.) that is what the'll use to justify the matter. Within the last 13 years of my incarceration my family has spent well in-access of \$50.000 dollars and we need your help in providing us an outlet/avenue/relief that makes sense. I understand that the bottom line from these companies seems to be just that... **"The bottom Line!"** [but] what about a little compassion for the average common person who' in these trying economical times are beyond stretching their limits?

Chairman of the F.C.C. I want to thank you for opening up an avenue to communicate with and attempting to want to hear my redress and all others in the same dellema. I hope that you can help all whom are in these precarious & dire straight positions of inmate phone carrier abuse.

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Respectfully,



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Mr. Kevin Inge
(ID.#) Hw-6757
1 Kelly Drive
Coal Township, PA. 17866

To: Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for
the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Mr. Genachowski,

I am writing you today
because I would like to explain
first hand to you the impact of
Prison phone calls have had on my
My family and myself. I am a
resident of New Jersey and my
family live in New Jersey, but I am
locked up in Coal Township, PA.

State Prison. For me on a ~~weekly~~
weekly basis to call my family
and stay in touch by phone cost
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Me \$10.10 per 15 Minute phone call. Each call I make to my family cost that much. My family can barely Afford to send me money for basic Needs that I have, let alone send me \$10.00 just to make one 15 minute phone call to stay in touch with them. It is a real strain on my children not to be able to at least hear from their father. Please Mr. Genachowski, if there is anything you can do to lower the cost of these Prison Phone calls, please help. I am not the only Inmate having to pay high cost for a phone call, so any help you can provide will be appreciated.

Respectfully,
Kevin Inge
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Dear Chairman Genachowski;

11-18-2012

Chesh, Yakshimash?

This is a public comment for CC Docket #96-128
(the Wright petition).

I've been In CDOR over 10 years and I've
only been able to afford 10 calls to my daughter who
is turning 15 on Nov 27th. This is a crime & is unjust.
You carry a big burden & Karma in your upcoming decision.
I pray that you follow your heart, and lead like a
true leader following your conscious & not the desires of the
special interest. Your decision will be recorded in the
history, and you will be admired or condemned for it by
millions. In the age of internet, I'd choose admiration as
evidenced on Change.org. Best wishes, We are watching!

Sincerely, Borhan

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Mr. Chairman:

Prisoner Rehabilitation has been replaced by economic exploitation at its highest, as private industries lick their chops at the potential profit, with the DOC doing the same at the anticipation of "kick backs disguised as concessions". It's blatantly criminal!

Monopoly - in violation of FCC law - and DOC kickbacks, based on percentage of industry profits, guarantee exorbitant phone rates.

As phone rates over the last couple of decades have decreased in outside society, they have drastically increased on the 'inside' for prisoners and our families. For all practical purposes, the kickbacks paid to the DOC is a regressive tax because it funds a government agency. Furthermore, it is heaped upon the poorest segment of

society, who can ill afford it.

These exorbitant phone rates have greatly decreased communication between my family and me as we are unable to afford regular phone calls (approximately \$6 for 20 minutes), and even for those who can afford them, it is still criminal!

My family and I ask the FCC to remedy this injustice. We fully support the Wright Petition and thank all other parties who are working to make it a success.

Lastly, we look forward to the FCC to also press the state agencies to reduce intra-state prison phone rates because in some instances, they are just as high as inter-state calls.

Respectfully Submitted,

Savane Williams

Savan Williams #885175

WVCF / IDOC

P.O. Box 1111

Carlisle, IN. 47838

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DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

FCC Mail Room Nov. 16th 201

This is A public comment REGARDING the CC Docket # 9-128 (The Wright Petition) And my PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE over the past 33 years in the CALIFORNIA PRISON SYSTEM CONCERNING the UNREASONABLE - UNFAIR high costs for me to MAKE A Single phone to ^{CALL} my elderly Mother once a month just to ease her heart and mind of constant worry for me by letting her know and hear my voice that I was doing fine and that I loved her very much! As she lived alone on a fixed income and did not want to miss out on our SUNDAY MORNING phone conversation together that costed her \$15.00 DOLLARS - for 15-minutes from R.J.D. DONOVAN "SAN Diego" to her residence in Riverside CA

I remember the emotional pain it used to cause me up until she passed away in 2004, when the push "5 number" from "GLOBAL-TEL" and other phone companies 4.95¢ just to connect hook-up started a \$11.00 dollar a minute cash register removing the few dollars she had to stretch out for the month that meant she had to put off buying herself the prescription medications, or driving her car sometimes for fear she wouldn't get my CALL just to hear my voice, ON the 1st SUNDAY of every month. She WAS AND WILL ALWAYS be the "ONLY ONE" bright light that guided me through these very dark hall ways of prison with the life sentence she in many ways WALKED AND TALKED ~~me~~ with me AS ANY Mother would for 25 yr And should not of had to pay the thousands of dollars she and my daughter now pays just to say hello and speak with my 3 grand daughters who only know me AS GRANDPA "LARRY" from the brief phone call minutes we share when I call her a couple times a month? when she asks me too!

Thank You for ~~the~~ your time and considerations for all the people and families that are adversely effected by these "back door" we can MAKE em pay" price gouging, "GLOBAL TEL LINK" is charging the prison... to pay the front every month for X-amount of

minutes and the high monthly phone service charges that they seem to have exclusive rights to consumers bank accounts, that will continue to see the creative-self screwing monthly billing payments getting higher and higher with NO fair market value pricing worries or regulatory oversight from anyone!! If these public-comments letters and voicing concerns are ^{not} heard by our Nations Federal Communications Commission, that I had always believed was a branch of the governmental agencies that protected the rights of every American U.S. citizen from the unlawful business practices such as the Anti-trust act that supposedly prevents a monopoly over the American citizens from paying ^{\$5.00} a gallon of gas ~~at~~ the Arco station on one corner of the city and ~~20.00~~ across the street? I may be wrong, I'm not sure.

Maybe I've got too much time on my hands!! God Bless

Thank you very much - Sincerely, Lawrence Adair c-22124
A3-142
P.O. Box 4400
Wasco, Ca. 93280-4400

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Dear Chairman Mr. Genachowski,

11/17/2012

"This is a public comment for the 'Wright' Petition.

CC Docket #96-128

I would like to bring to your attention, the monetary difficulties I am experiencing from the high costs of these prison phone calls. I am a father of (5) children and I am currently on Social Security disability. I have been disabled from 1988. It's hard enough raising children but it's even harder to talk to your loved one's while being incarcerated. Due to my bad judgments in life and my children's social security payments being stopped, it is very difficult to call home with the costs of my calls.

I am asking you Mr Genachowski with all your powers & abilities to please understand what we are experiencing with the high priced phone calls.

I am taking away from my family needs so I can speak to them.

Please do all prisoners a great deed and help reduce these outstanding priced phone calls.

Thank You

&
Respectfully Yours,
Paul Laurent

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CHAIRMAN JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Genachowski:

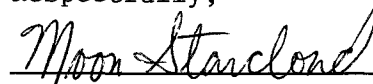
I am writing to you regarding the high costs of prisoner phone calls.

My main phone calls are being made to my father, a veteran of the Korean Conflict. He is also legally blind and could not afford the price of phone calls if I were to call him collect. Accordingly, I must purchase phone time from the prison commissary. At the high rates that they charge, in contrast to my meager prison earnings (we have not received a raise in pay since around 1990), I cannot afford to buy phone time more than every two or three months. And considering that this is a man that I didn't get to know until I was close to thirty (30) years old, there are many questions that I have that remain unanswered. And considering his advanced age (currently 81) and health (he survived prostate cancer) I cannot presume to have him around much longer.

In addition to the high costs of phone calls are the interruptions that are made during the course of the phone call -- which are being counted against my short amount of calling time (15 minutes). At the beginning of each phone call the message is announced that the phone call is monitored and recorded (etc.). Then during the course of the call the message breaks in, disrupting whatever is being discussed, to repeat the same message.

I pray that you are able to accomplish some kind of relief against the high cost of prison phone calls. It costs me over \$5.00 for a meager 15 minutes -- while people on the outside can speak for several hours for mere pennies.

Respectfully,



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MOON STARCLOUD
(AY-2079 Knight)
1100 Pike Street
Huntingdon, PA 16654-1112

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Hugh G. Funches
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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a Public Comment For
The Wright Petition (cc Pocket # 96-128)

I am Housed in the Pennsylvania Department
of Corrections, who's Telephone Policies and
services maintain such High Cost of use
as to Prevent or impede contact with
Family and loved ones, this also impedes
access to Governmental offices and Agencies
~~The~~ The Prices and cost of Telephone time
should Be lowered comparing to current
market prices of \$.10 to .12 cents per minute

Thank you For your time.

Sincerely,

Hugh G Funches EE-2147

Hugh Funches

DEAR Chairman Genachowski:

(cc Docket #96-10)

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I Am a inmate at ARKANSAS Department of Correction, McPherson WOMAN'S Unit. The Phone service is Global Tel Link. My Name is Meloni Sey And I am the mother of 6 children ages 18 - 10 months. My three youngest children are being Cared for by my 68 year old mother who lives 11 miles from the ARKANSAS boarder, so she pays Oklahoma out of State phones fee which a 15 minute phone call cost \$15.00. This has been a strain on my relationship with my communication with my mother being SEVERLY hindered due to the cost. My mother is on Social Security And has two children of mine that are in diapers And my 18 year old daughter is in University there in OKLAHOMA. There needs to be immediate steps taken to give our families some relief from these phone calls. My fiancée is A truck driver And the first 7 months I was incarcerated my phone account totaled over \$1800.00 for us to keep in touch about my medical And legal situations. I was pregnant and had history of complications from a previous pregnancy. He And my mother was a nervous wreck trying to keep up with my care carrying my baby. There is only a small amount I can do but I want my voice to be heard. This high rate phone cost is handicapping my relationship with my family.

302 corrections Dr.
Newport AR. 72112

Respectfully
Meloni Sey

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To Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
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- From - Gary Settle BOR# 19221-038
USP Lewisburg
Box 1000
Lewisburg, PA. 17837

RE - Public comment for CC Docket
96-128 (the Wright Petition).

Sir -

I have been incarcerated for over 20 years in federal prison. Because of the far flung nature of the Bureau of Prisons, I have often been many miles from where my family resides.

Subsequently, we must rely on the prison phone system to maintain family ties. But, the high cost of regular and collect calls through the prison phone system makes it hard

for us to communicate in these difficult economic times. Therefore, I am writing this letter on behalf of my family and myself, asking you to please lower and cap the amount I am charged to communicate with my loved ones.

The contact I have is essential to my mental well being and rehabilitative efforts. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely
Mary Settle

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PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION (CC Docket #96-128)

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This letter is in regards to the extortionistic fees PA Prisoner's and our families are being forced to have to pay in order to maintain any type of connection with them any any of our loved ones on the outside.

My family lives in Massachusetts and when I get paid a mere 19¢ pay per hour for a maximum of 6 hours X 23 days in a good month I make roughly, \$26.22. The last time I called, if I call pre-paid it cost me nearly \$13.00 for one call! Leaving me approximately \$13.22 to live on, provided I don't have cable. Let's be realistic, cable is a known "Electronic Baby Sitter" and what with most prisons being in the most rural areas, one must have cable if we were to try to maintain any connection with the outside world.

There is just no justifiable reason to keep on taking and taking money from our families.

Recently, and without any notice or voice or opinion in their decision, a new system went into effect whereas we are no longer allowed to call our families collect without them first securing a pre-paid account with a company that requested of my wife a \$100 deposit to set up an account that would allow me to make a collect call to her. She has excellent credit and always pays her bills. Also, because of my respect for her, I NEVER abuse this privilege as at most I only call her about once a week. She lives about 10 miles from the prison and a collect call cost me about \$1.68 per call. Now if she is required to pay a deposit of \$100, even at two calls a week, it would still take me about 29 weeks to use up the entire \$100. And that would be at two calls per week! There are over 60,000 prisoners in the PA DOC, and that's a lot of money in an account to allow someone to collect free interest off. I don't think it fair that anyone should be able to interfere with our personal calls in the first place by forcing us to have to use their system.

My wife called the 1-800 number they cited on the recording and complained with the people on the other end stating, it was her choice whether or not to accept the collect call, adding that it was her prerogative to run up her phone bill, should she choose to do so, and she shouldn't have to give up-front money to anyone to "hold " for her, as she always pays her bills.

The PA DOC states, "Our mission is to protect the public by confining persons committed to our custody in safe secure facilities and to provide opportunities to inmates to acquire the skills and values necessary to become productive law-abiding citizens; while respecting the rights of crime victims." No where does it state they are allowed to financially rape us or our family members of what money they may have left.

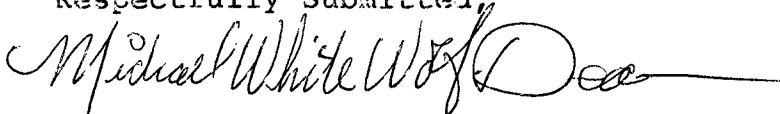
When I used to call my Family back home, they just couldn't believe the amount the recorded message claimed it costs for me to call them, especially when they're used to calls at 10¢ or less per minute!

What with all the other ways the PA DOC has devised to plunder money from prisoners and our families, tapping into our communication capabilities should never be handicapped. We need to maintain that tie with our families so as to better prepare us for the day we get released, other wise we'll have nothing to prepare us for life on the outside.

Speaking by myself, but for numerous others, please we beg of you for some type of relief in the name of righteousness, and respect. Prisons and prisoners already generate enough "under the table" money, that our families shouldn't also be robbed of even more.

I urge you to look into this matter and find some way for we prisoners to be allowed to maintain as much communication with our loved ones at no profit or kickbacks to the DOC.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael White Wolf Dean". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long, horizontal flourish at the end.

Michael White Wolf Dean, AS-1919
50 Overlook Drive
LaBelle, PA 15450

Dated; November 20, 2012

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Mr. Claudio S. Manzanet

CW-1940

SCI Greene
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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**THIS IS A PUBLIC COMMENT FOR THE WRIGHT PETITION
CC DOCKET #96-128**

Chairman Genachowski:

I am writing to you in response to your fight to lower the high cost of phone calls from prisoners to their friends and families.

I am incarcerated at SCI Greene in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania and for me to call home (in state), the cost is \$5.41 using the Global Tel Link pre paid calling card system sold through the institution commissary. A collect call to that same number (in state) is just over \$6.00 (both for fifteen minute phone calls. A person who makes the same call out of state must pay a rate of \$8.00 to \$10.00 using the pre paid calling system, \$10.24 for a collect call. This is simply too much money for the majority of my family members, my support network, to afford, especially in this present economy. As it stands, I have very limited contact with my family and loved ones due to the excessive costs of these phone calls.

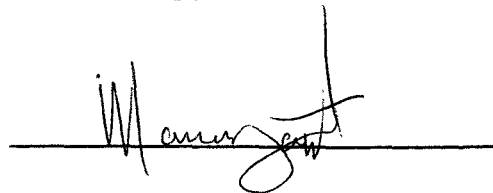
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same prepaid calling card system presently in use. Collect rates were only \$1.94 for the same amount of time. These are the same calls I have tried to make within Pennsylvania but I cannot afford them. In Michigan, these same calls were 70% cheaper and I do not understand how rates from Michigan to anywhere else in the United States are 30% of the cost of a call we pay in Pennsylvania for in state calls.

There are too many people that I am unable to call due to the fact that they cannot afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I will need to have a successful reentry back into society upon my release. However, I am losing my relationships with them due to lack of interaction and contact. And we should not be punished by GTL due to the fact that our friends and family members carry Vorizon as a carrier. We still deserve to keep in contact with our loved ones.

I hope that there is something that can be done about this, because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and the D.O.C. (Department of Corrections) do is take advantage of our dire situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature, appearing to read "William Joseph", is written over a horizontal line.

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Josue Cervantes #JR-0389

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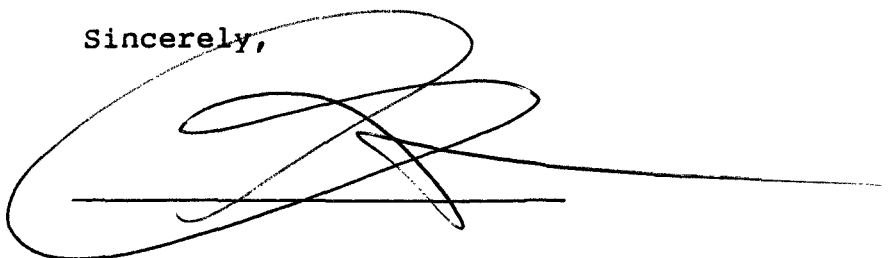
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' or 'B' shape with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

RICHARD YOUNG
EP-8117

SCI-Greene
175 Progress Drive
Waynesburg, PA 15370

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There are too many people that I can't call because they can't afford the cost. These are the same family members and friends whose support I need to have a successful reentry into society upon my release, but I'm losing my relationships with them due to the lack of interaction and contact.

I hope something can be done because it seems like all the phone company (GTL) and Department of Corrections do is take advantage of our situation.

Sincerely,

Richard Young

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Edward Turberville
No. ES-6945

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Sincerely,

Edward J. Jurek

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NOVEMBER 17, 2012

CC DOCKET # 96-128

CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI,

THIS LETTER IS WRITTEN BECAUSE OF HIGH COST OF PRISON CALLS COST. IN STATE OF MICHIGAN, SPECIFICALLY DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, THE FACILITY AND VENDOR WILL MAKE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THE YEAR 2013. THE PRISONS ARE RENOVATED PHONE EQUIPMENT AND VENDORS IM NOT SURE WHAT SERVICE THEY PROVIDING.

WHEN I MAKE A DEPOSIT ON MY PHONE TO ALLOW FOR COLLECT CALLS, FROM D.O.C. IM CHARGED \$3.95 AND I AM ENTERING IN ALL THE INFORMATION. NO CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE PLACES PAYMENT. WHEN I MAKE A DEPOSIT VIA ONLINE FOR CALS COUNTY JAIL, ITS 795 AND AGAIN NO REPRESENTATIVE. SO THE CUSTOMER DO ALL THE DATA ENTRY AND THEN CHARGED A TRANSACTION FEE.

WHEN THE CALLS ARE FINALLY PLACED YOU CAN TALK FOR 15 MINUTES AT ABOUT \$4. IN D.O.C. FACILITIES. IN THE COUNTY JAIL ITS ABOUT \$15. THESE COST ARE ASTRONOMICAL, ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE ADJUSTING TO YOUR LOVED ONE ABSENCE.

THE VENDORS ARE CAPITALIZING ON THE FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF THOSE INCARCERATED. THEIR CAPITALIZATION MAKES ME / PATRONS VICTIMS.

PLEASE REPRIN THE EXTREME HIGH PHONE COST, SO COMMUNICATING WITH LOVED ONE WON'T BE SO ABUSIVE TO THE FAMILIES POCKETS.

THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO ADDRESS THE CONCERN OF
PHONE COST. I PERSONALLY HAVE AT MINIMUM 6 YEARS
TO ADHERE TO \$3.95 AT MINIMUM. PER DEPOSIT.
I DO RECALL COLLECT CALLS, BEING ABOUT 10¢-20¢
PER MINUTE. SO TO TALK FOR \$2-3 WILL SEEM
MODERATE.

PLEASE HELP!

THANK YOU.

Jerusha Waller, Wife of Prisoner
PO BOX 47574
Oak Park MI 48237

From: ALVIS Rhodes - 1159280
Public Safety Center - 5114, B-114
200 E. Hackett Road
Modesto, California 95358

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Dear Chairman Gonachowski,

" This is a public comment for CC Docket
96-128 (the Wright Petition). "

I am a prisoner here in Stanislaus County
at the Modesto Public Safety Center
city jail, whose telephone services were taken
over by contract in/or around 2007, by
Global-tel Link corporation.

- Since Global-tel Link has taken over the telephone
services here, the phone rates have gone up
by 50% over the last carrier.

- Global-tel Link has initiated a warning
message before each and every call is
completed to the recipient that:

- a) threatens the call recipient with being
reported for a felony violation for
soliciting bail over the phone from the
caller - unlawfully.

- b) tells attorney to hang up and dial
another number to place a secure
unmonitored phone call - in a threatening manner.

It costs almost \$4.00 dollars to start a call and \$.60 cents a minute to maintain a call after the first minute.

These charges have burdened me and my family so badly that my family cannot afford to accept any calls at all, unless I pre-pay for them with a \$10.00 dollar Global-tel-link phone card that has eaten up my life savings after 2 years of use, and negatively impact my ability to pay any needed legal expenses for my criminal defense, such as:

a) legal materials: copies, case law searches, typing, process servers, and so on.

I plead for you to cap these fees and, roll-back the per-minute charges, as they are excessive and unaffordable to me, and to my family.

Respectfully yours,

Alvis V. Rhodes

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing to you about excessively high phone rates and how it's affecting me and my family. It is very hard for me to stay in touch with my family by phone cause of these excessively high phone rates. These people are charging me five dollars and some change to call Philadelphia. This is a in state call and this is how much money they want me to pay to be able to talk to my family, that's unreal. I am one of the inmates that was taken out of Pennsylvania and sent to Michigan. When I was up Mich the phone calls was one dollar and eighty cents and I was able to call all over the country for that price and for me to have to pay five something to call Philly is awful. I had got in touch with people I haven't heard from in years and it was a happy feeling to hear their voices and every since I been back in Pennsylvania I haven't called any of them cause the price is just to high for me. Due to my financial constraints I only have ten phone numbers on my active list, because I can only afford to call immediate family. MR. Genachowski I want you to know that your efforts are greatly appreciated and God willing we get some relief with this phone situation. We desperately need some help with Pennsylvania and their high phone rates. Thank you for all your time and effort. Have a bless day.

Sincerely,
Mr. Andrew Kennedy

